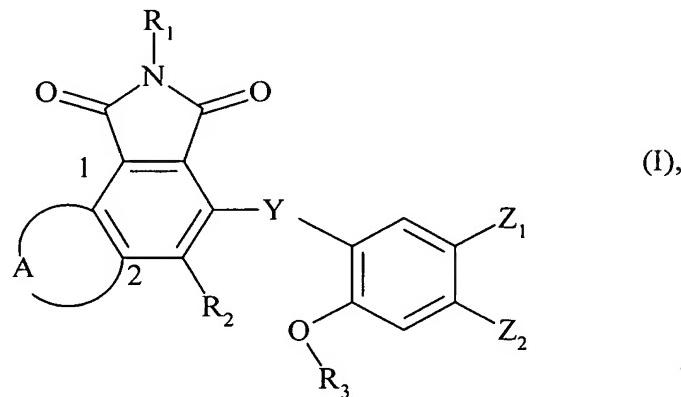


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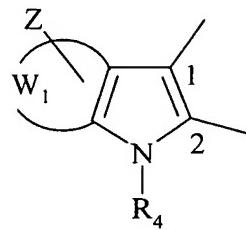
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19. (currently amended) A compound selected from those of formula (I) :

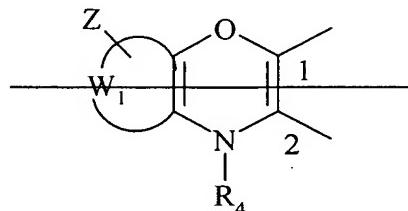


wherein :

- A, together with the carbon atoms to which it is bonded, represents a group of formula (a) or (b) :



(a)



-(b)-

wherein :

- ❖ W<sub>1</sub>, together with the carbon atoms to which it is bonded, represents phenyl or pyridyl,
- ❖ Z represents a group selected from hydrogen, halogen, linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, aryl, aryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, aryloxy, aryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-

$C_6$ )alkoxy in which the alkoxy moiety is linear or branched and  $NR_5R_6$  wherein  $R_5$  and  $R_6$ , which may be identical or different, each represents a group selected from hydrogen and linear or branched ( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl,

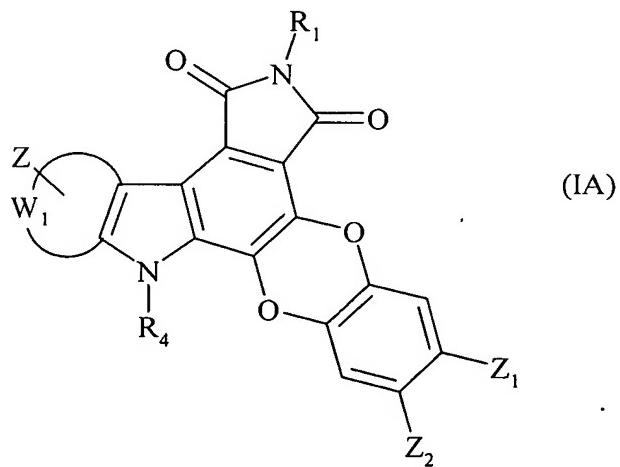
- ◊  $R_4$  represents a group selected from hydrogen, linear or branched ( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl, aryl and aryl-( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched or  $-C(O)-OR'$  wherein  $R'$  represents a group selected from linear or branched ( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl, aryl and aryl-( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched,
- $Y$  represents a group selected from oxygen or methylene,
- ~~$R_2$  represents hydrogen and, in that case:~~  
 ~~$R_3$  represents a group selected from hydrogen, linear or branched ( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl, aryl, aryl-( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched and  $SO_2CF_3$ ;~~
- or  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  form a bond,
- $R_1$  represents a group selected from hydrogen, linear or branched ( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl, aryl, aryl-( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched or linear or branched ( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkylene substituted by one or more identical or different groups selected from  $-OR''_5$  and  $-NR''_5R''_6$  wherein  $R''_5$  and  $R''_6$  have the same meaning as  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  defined hereinbefore,
- $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ , each represent hydrogen or,  
 $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ , together with the carbon atoms to which they are bonded, form phenyl,

it being understood that:

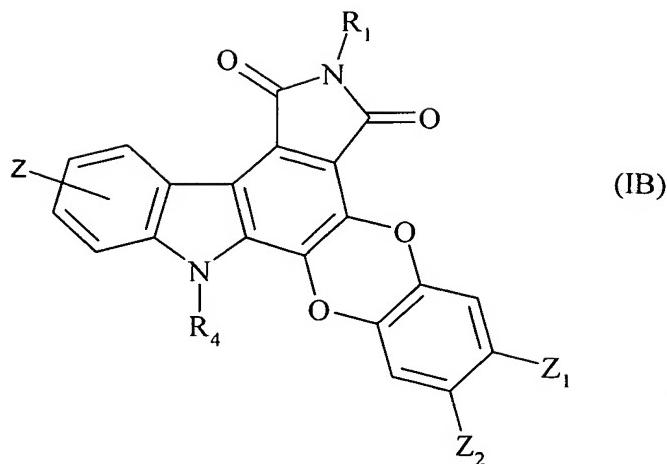
when Z represents hydrogen, R<sub>1</sub> is other than hydrogen,

and aryl may be a phenyl, naphthyl, dihydronaphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indenyl or indanyl group, each of those groups being optionally substituted by one or more identical or different groups selected from halogen, linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)trihaloalkyl, hydroxy, linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, and amino optionally substituted by one or two linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl groups.

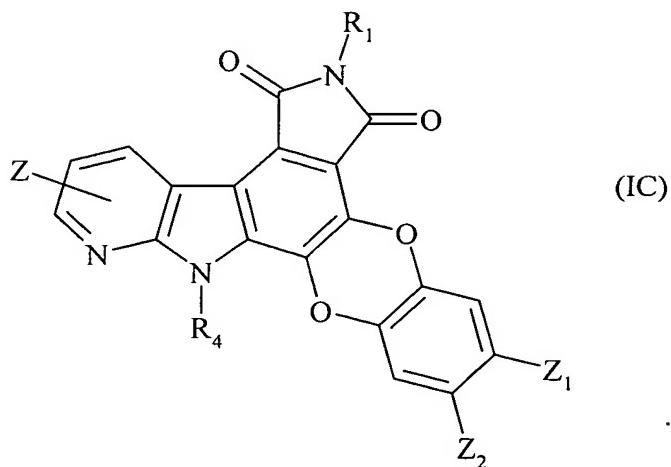
20. (previously presented) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IA) :



21. (previously presented) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IB) :



22. (previously presented) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IC) :



23. (canceled)

24. (canceled)

25. (canceled)

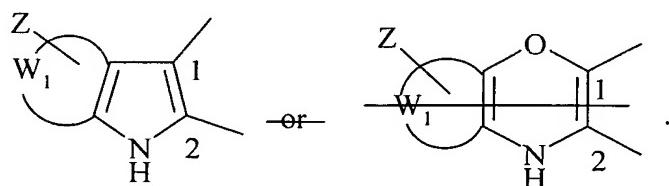
26. (canceled)

27. (canceled)

28. (canceled)

29. (previously presented) A compound of Claim 19, wherein Z represents hydrogen, halogen or hydroxy.

30. (currently amended) A compound of Claim 19, wherein A, together with the carbon atoms to which it is bonded, represents a group of formula :



31. (canceled)

32. (previously presented) A compound of Claim 19, wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents hydrogen or linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylene substituted by one or more identical or different groups selected from -NR<sub>5</sub>R<sub>6</sub> wherein R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are as defined for formula (I).

33. (previously presented) A compound of Claim 19, wherein Z<sub>1</sub> and Z<sub>2</sub> represent hydrogen.

34. (currently amended) A compound of Claim 19, which is selected from :

- 7-methyl[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 10-fluoro-7-methyl[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 11-fluoro-7-methyl[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-10-fluoro[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]-carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 10-hydroxy[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 11-hydroxy[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,

- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl][1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-10-hydroxy[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]-carbazole-6,8-dione, and
- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-11-hydroxy[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]-carbazole-6,8-dione,, and
- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl][1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-e]-pyrido[2',3':5,6][1,4]oxazino[3,2-g]isoindole-6,8-dione.

35. (currently amended) A method for treating a living animal body, ~~including a human, afflicted with cancer a condition selected from leukemia, prostate carcinoma, non small-lung cell carcinoma, colon carcinoma, and epidermoid carcinoma~~, comprising the step of administering to the living animal body, ~~including a human~~, an amount of a compound of Claim 19, which is effective for alleviation of ~~cancer~~ the condition.

36. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition ~~useful in treating cancer~~ comprising as active principle an effective amount of a compound of Claim 19, together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients or vehicles.

37. (new) The method of Claim 35, wherein the living animal body is a human.